



Tempe Art in Private Development



Tempe Commerce Park

(Buildings A - E)

7400 S. Kyrene Road

7333 S. Hardy Drive

800 W. Elliot Road

Otto Rigan

Untitled, 1998

Limestone and glass

Artist website:

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Description: Located at each of the east, west, and south entries to the Tempe Commerce Park, three limestone sculptures with glass inlays, measuring 12' tall and 2' wide, welcome employees and visitors into the complex. As part of his "Markers" series, Rigan searches for a balance between the unpredictability of found material and the exactness of the sawn "marks." The artist seeks parity, balancing the conscious and unconscious components.

Artist biography: Although Rigan trained as a painter, he has pursued many broad-ranging and cross-disciplinary projects throughout his career. While still in college he completed his first large-scale public commission. In his early 20s, Rigan apprenticed to a master architectural glass craftsman. He then wrote and photographed four books and lectured widely on their subjects. While in his 30s, Rigan began to develop the sculpture for which he is most noted. His sculptural explorations reflect his interest in the temporality of glass and how it manipulates light, merged with the physicality of stone - a metaphor for architecture, permanence, and the organic. Rigan splits his time between making studio-based autonomous works to large-scale public and corporate spaces. The larger commissions often merge architecture, landscape and other disciplines as an extension of the artist's palette.

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